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1224 : URGENT LEAD CZECH - SIK:
BY MIODRAG KLUV

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, AUG. 24, REUTER--CZECHOSLOVAK
DEPUTY PREMIER OTAK SIK CONFIRMED TODAY THAT PARTY
SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS IN MOSCOW, AND SAID,
"HE WAS TAKEN THERE BY THE RUSSIANS -- AND THAT IS AN ACT
OF VIOLENCE."

SIK ALSO SAID THE RUSSIANS FAILED IN THE OBJECT OF THEIR
OCCUPATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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1226 : 2ND ADD BELGRADE CZECH-SIK (NOR 332):
X X X SAID.

SIK CONFIRMED THAT PARTY SECRETARY ALEXANDER DUBCEK WAS
IN MOSCOW AND HAS BEEN TAKING PART IN TALKS BETWEEN
CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT LUDVIK SVOBODA AND SOVIET LEADERS.

ASKED HOW DUBCEK GOT TO MOSCOW, SIK
SAID, "HE WAS TAKEN THERE BY THE RUSSIANS - AND THAT
IS AN ACT OF VIOLENCE."

SIK SAID IT WAS A HOPEFUL SIGN THAT DUBCEK WAS ALLOWED
TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS.

ASKED IF HE HAD ANY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH SVOBODA
SIK SAID "NOT NOW."

HE HAD A LINK WITH THE PRESIDENT BUT THIS WAS SEVERED
BY THE OCCUPYING FORCES, HE SAID.

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1210 : 3RD ADD BELGRADE CZECH-SIK.:
X X X SAID.

SIK AGREED THAT THE DISPUTE WAS NOT BETWEEN THE SOVIET
UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW FORCES
OF COMMUNISM.

STATEMENTS THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE A THREAT
TO SOCIALISM AND TO THE SECURITY OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES
WERE PURE CAMOUFLAGE, HE SAID.

THE ONLY PERSONS EXPRESSING SUCH IDEAS WERE INCOMPETENT
OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER REGIME WHO WERE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT
THEIR OWN POSITION AND NOT ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM
IN A DEMOCRATIC AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER, HE SAID.

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1212 : 4TH ADD BELGRADE CZECH-SIX:

K K X SAID.

SIX DENIED CZECHOSLOVAKIA GAVE ANY CAUSE FOR OCCUPATION BY WARSAW PACT FORCES.

ASKED IF CZECHOSLOVAKIA COULD EVER TRUST THE RUSSIANS AGAIN, SIX GAVE NO DIRECT REPLY -- BUT MERELY SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS.

ON THE QUESTION OF A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, SIX SAID THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY POSSIBILITIES THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS.

THE CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER JIPI HAJEK WOULD FLY BACK TO BELGRADE AT THE END OF HIS MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, HE SAID.

HAJEK FLEW TO THE U.N. TO PUT HIS COUNTRY'S CASE FOLLOWING THE SOVIET INVASION.

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